



California Fish and Game Commission

Marine Resources Committee Discussion - Priorities for 2013-14

March 20, 2013



Structure of Discussion

- Approach and expected outcomes
- Existing MRC priorities and referrals
- Approaches to prioritization
- Conceptual approach to focus of effort
- Input
 - DFW
 - OPC
 - Public
- Discussion



pri·or·i·ty

noun -- prī-'ôr-ə-tē

1. Precedence, especially established by order of importance or urgency
2. Something given or meriting attention before competing alternatives



Expected Outcomes

- Clearer understanding of suite of marine management needs and objectives and associated goals and outcomes
- Need, interest, venue and resources associated with each issue
- Clearly defined next steps
- Development of recommendations for Commission consideration

MRC Priorities – Established 9/2007

- Short Term Priorities
 - Commercial Fees
 - Review and Revise Master Plan for Fisheries
 - Nearshore FMP
 - Integration of Fisheries Management and MPAs
 - Squid FMP
- Long Term Priorities
 - Restricted Access Policy
 - Scientific Collecting Permits

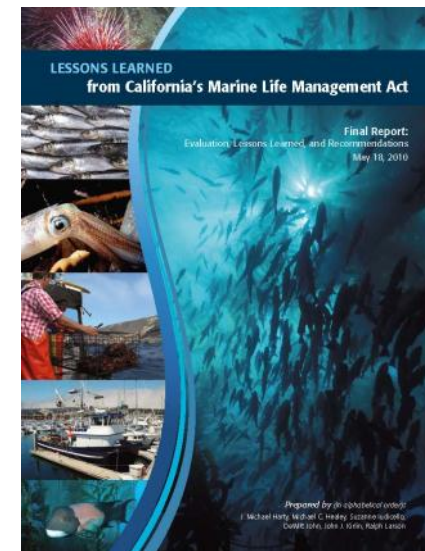
Informational/Update/Process Priorities

Established 9/2007

- Meeting Rules of Order and Procedures
- Department Budget
- Marine Stewardship Council Certification
- NOAA Aquaculture
- Alternative Energy Projects

Priorities – Rev 2/2009

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- *MLMA Lessons Learned Study*
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MLMA Lessons Learned Suggested Next Steps

- Continue to work with DFG and OPC to define short and long-term actions
- Short-term projects
 - Improve capacity of Commission
 - Expand and improve data collection and reporting systems
 - Expand data-poor approaches to fisheries management
 - Assess fisheries fee structure and develop long-term funding sources
 - Review and revise the MLMA Master Plan

Items Referred to MRC



Item	Type	Referral	Heard at MRC	Status
Regulatory				
Report Cards	Regulatory			Regs adopted 3/6/13
SMI Abalone	Regulatory		5/25/2006, 2/16/2010, 12/11/12	Feb 2013, FGC determine not meet criteria
Basses	Regulatory	5/5/2011	1/18/12	Regs adopted 11.7.12
Filleting of fish on vessels	Regulatory		2/15/11	Regs adopted by Commission 8/3/2011
Halibut stock assessment	Regulatory		Sep-11	Track and report back in 2 - 4 years
Kellett's whelk	Regulatory	Jun-10	10/12/2010	Regs adopted by FGC 12/15/2011, revisit in 1 - 2 years
Mechanical pulling of hoop nets	Regulatory		Oct-10	Referred to lobster FMP
Monterey Bay Halibut Trawl	Regulatory	Oct-11		Track working group, outside Commission authority
Rock crab	Regulatory		7/21/2009	Regulations adopted by FGC 6/24/2010
Thresher sharks	Regulatory			Stakeholder request 6.12, deferred
Spot Prawn	Regulatory - transferable permits		2/16/2010	No action recommended
Broomtail grouper (Mexico)	Regulatory			Stakeholder request - 11/11/11, heard as part of 2012 sportfish cycle
Management Plans				
Review and Revise Master Plan for Fisheries (MLMA)	MLMA Review	pre-2009	5/25/2010	General integration from MLMA Lessons Learned report, no specific action
Policies				
Forage policy	Policy Review	Dec-11		Heard MRC, 8.10.12, adopted FGC 10.3.12
Naming policy	Policy Review	Oct-11		Approved by Commission 4/12
FMP				
Lobster FMP	FMP Development			Tracking at MRC
Informational				
California Sustainable Seafood Initiative	Informational		Ongoing updates	Track and report back as necessary
HABs	informational	Aug-11	1/18/2012	
Marine Advisor Position	Staffing			Advisor Assignment 7/1/12

Completed Items Con't

MRC Reviewed Legislation				
Bill Number	Action	Year		Outcome
AB 489 (Huffman): comm fees	Recommended for Commission support	2009		Inactive
AB 571 (Saldana): lobster management	Recommended for Commission support	2009		Governor Veto
AB 708 (Huffman): Poaching	Recommended for Commission support	2009		Chaptered
AB 1217 (Monning): Sustainable seafood	Recommended for Commission support	2009		Chaptered
AB 2125 (Ruskin): Marine spatial Planning	Recommended for Commission support	2010		Chaptered
AB 2376 (Huffman): Strategic Vision	Recommended for Commission support	2010		Chaptered
AB 337 (Monning): OPC	Recommended for Commission support	2011		Chaptered
AB 376 (Fong): Shark fins	Recommended for Commission support	2011		Chaptered
AB 1299 (Huffman): forage	NOT Recommended for Commission support	2011		Inactive
AB 1776 (Fong) Pacific leatherback sea turtle	Recommended for Commission support	2012		Chaptered
AB 1961 (Huffman) Coho salmon	Recommended for Commission support	2012		Chaptered

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Regulatory				
Kelp harvest, edible seaweed - long term	Regulatory	Feb-11	9/27/2011	pending
Kelp lease/MPAs- short term	Regulatory	Feb-11	9/27/2011	In development, scheduled for spring 2013
Geoduck	Regulatory	Sep-11		Address as broader Exp gear permit issue -per MR
Herring throw nets	Regulatory	May-12		stakeholder request 10.3.12
CA halibut trawl grounds Review	Regulatory	Oct-12		stakeholder request 10/3/12
Sea urchin	Regulatory - transferable permits	Dec-12		stakeholder request
Nearshore permits	Regulatory - transferable permits	Mar-13		Stakeholder request
Scientific collecting permits	Regulatory	2007	2/16/2010	Ongoing
Hagfish	Regulatory	various		Stakeholder request, exp gear permit request, 2/13
Red Abalone - ARMP	Regulatory	various	Oct-10	Regulations adopted 9/15/11 (emergency) 10/20/11, Revisit before April 2012 opener. 12/12FGC direction to engage in peer review of methodology and ARMP review
Market Squid	Regulatory	various	4.17.12	2-ton directed fishery, options to slow the fishery. May 2012, FGC recommend DFW prepare package
Incidental take definition		various		
Cucumber	Regulatory			Stakeholder request
Dungeness crab - recreational pot limits	Regulatory			Emerging issue - LED
Halibut permits	Regulatory - transferable permits			stakeholder request
Treble hooks	Regulatory			stakeholder request 12/15/11
Groundfish	Regulatory - - PFMC conformance		8.10.12	
Pacific halibut	Regulatory - PFMC			4.17.12, letter sent 7.17.12, ongoing

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Management Plan				
MLPA Regional review/MPA Monitoring Enterprise (MLPA)/ update MLPA Master Plan	informational/regulatory		Ongoing	Central Coast review in development, schedule FGC update winter/spring 2012, MPA ME Update- central coast symposium 8.10.12, Cen
Review and Revise Master Plan for Fisheries (MLMA)	MLMA Review	pre-2009	5/25/2010	General integration from MLMA Lessons Learned report, no specific action
Policies				
Restricted Access Policy	Policy Review	pre-2009	12/13/2007, 5/25/2011, 12/15/11	Pending
General Marine policy review	Policy Review	Aug-12		Pending
MRC Priorities				
Commercial Fees	Mmgt concept	pre-2009	10/20/2005, 3/24/2006, 12/13/2007, 7/22/2009	General integration, support of AB 489, Strategic vision requirements
Integration of fisheries management and MPAs	Mmgt concept	pre-2009	10/12/2010	General integration and ongoing development
New approaches to fisheries management	Mmgt concept		4/2/2009, 5/25/2010, 2/15/2011	General integration
PFMC Conformance	Mmgt concept			In process
FMP				
Herring FMP	FMP Development			request from Oceana etc, Oct 3, 2012
Nearshore FMP	FMP Review	pre-2009		No specific action
Market squid FMP	FMP Review	pre-2009 12/2011	3/24/2006	
ARMP	FMP Review		12/11/2012	12/12 - FGC Direction to review
White seabass stock assessment	FMP Review - stock assessment			Evaluation of enhancement program
Informational				
Alternative Energy Projects	Informational	pre-2009		
Emerging Fisheries				
Keyhole limpet	Emerging Fishery		10/20/2005	
Turban snail	Emerging Fishery			
Educational				
Abalone video	non-regulatory	Oct-11	9/27/2011	Pending

FGC Marine Policies

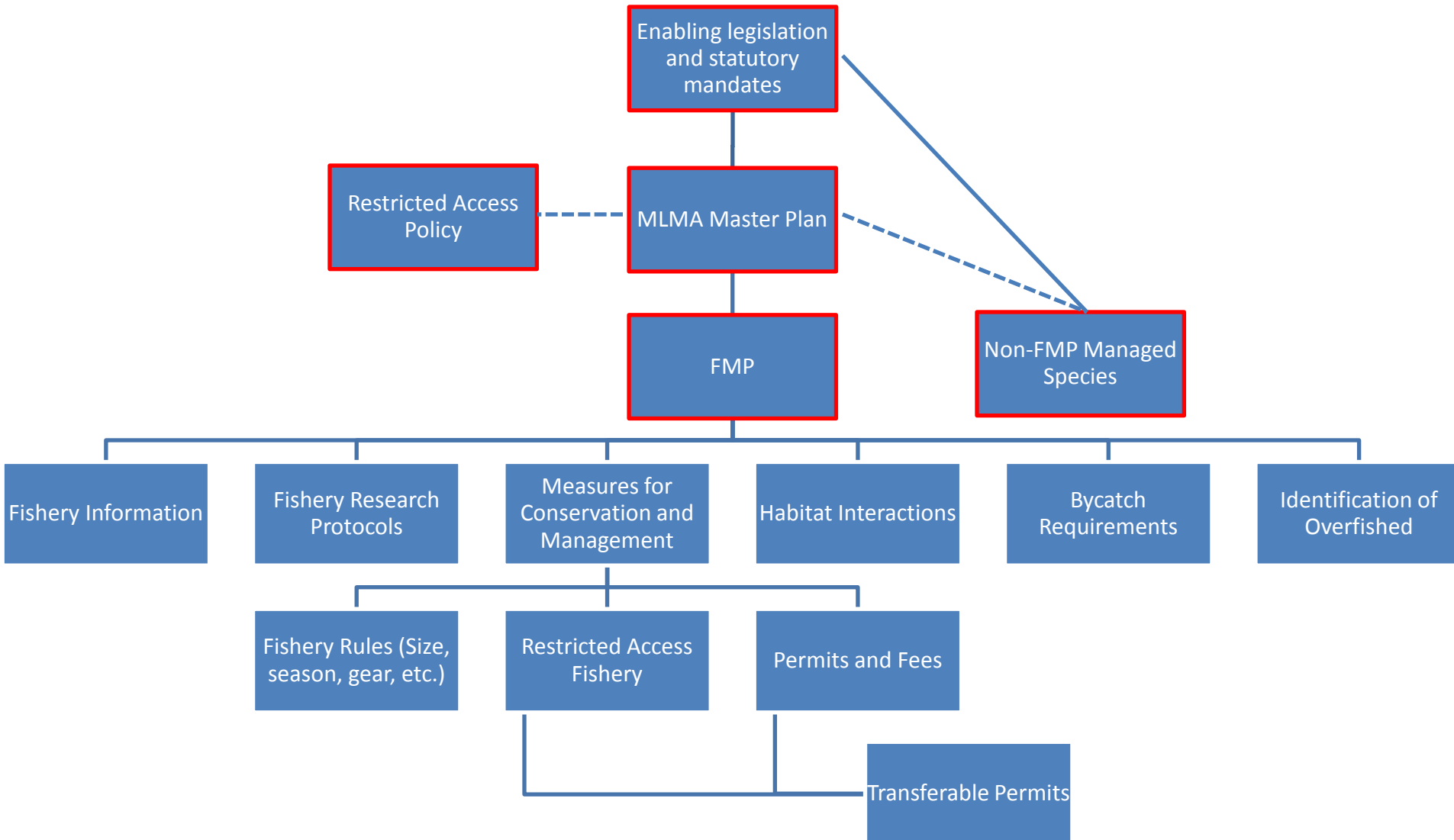
Policy	Last Amended
<u>Criteria for Considering Appeals of Permanent Revocations of a Sport or Commercial License or Permit</u>	2/1/2007
<u>Cooperatively Operated Rearing Programs for Salmon and Steelhead</u>	6/18/1993
<u>Emerging Fisheries</u>	10/20/2000
<u>Forage Species</u>	11/7/2012
<u>Salmon</u>	5/9/2008
<u>Kelp</u>	12/9/2005
<u>Marine Protected Areas</u>	12/9/2005
<u>Restricted Access Commercial Fisheries</u>	6/18/1999
<u>Shellfish and Sea Otter Conflicts</u>	4/2/1999
<u>Wetlands Resources</u>	8/18/2005

Prioritizing Topics

- Qualitative assessment
- Semi-Quantitative decision matrix
- Opportunistic
- Venue

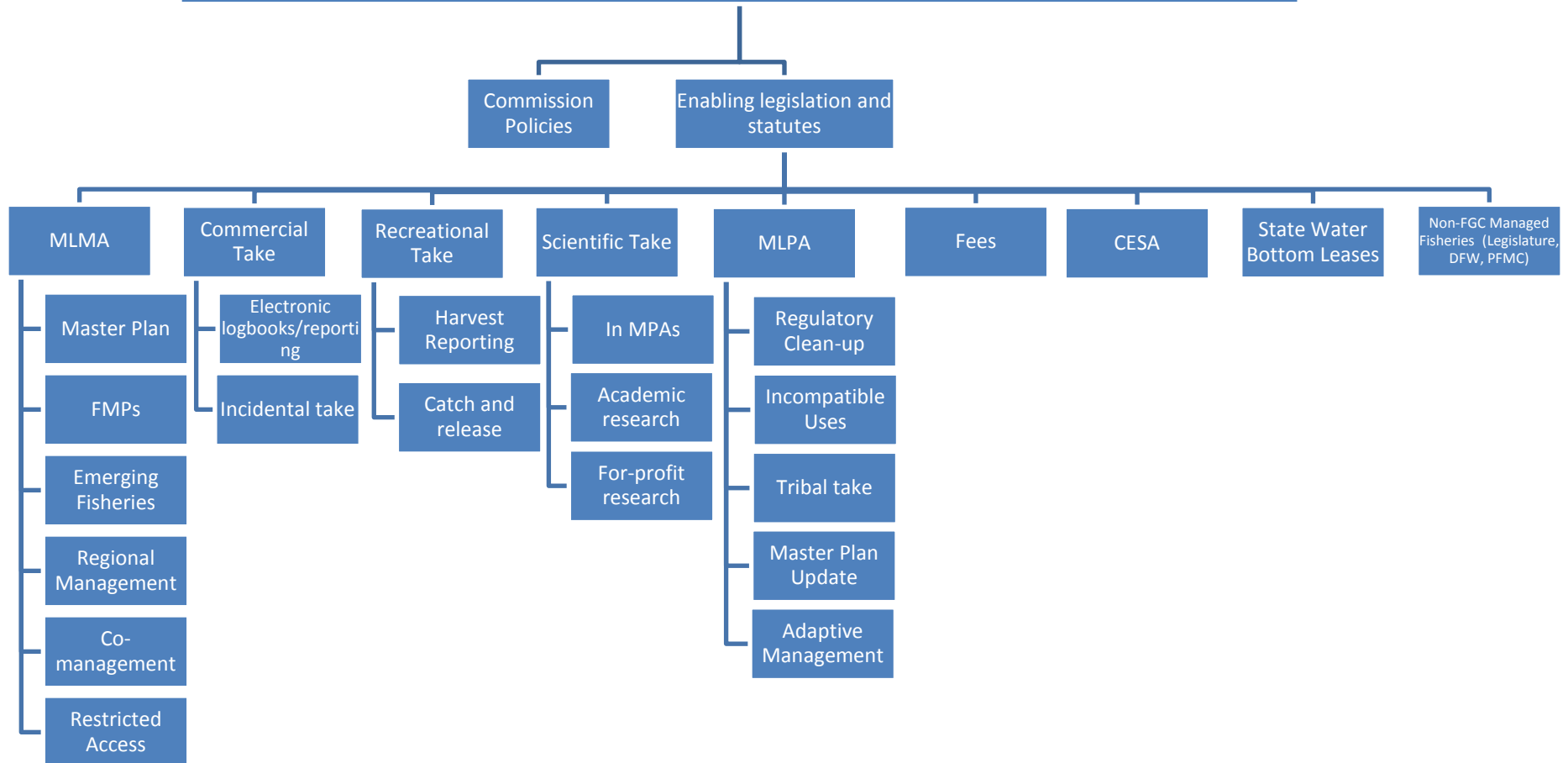


MLMA Management Hierarchy



Management Categories

Vision and purpose for marine resource management in CA -
What does "doing it right" look like?



Defining Priorities

- Issue/Problem/Need
- Desired outcome
 - Specific deliverables
- Authority and role
- Venue
- Resources and cost
- Timeline

A word cloud shaped like a fish, containing various terms related to marine resources and management. The words are arranged in a way that they form the outline of a fish, with the head at the top and the tail at the bottom. The words are in various colors, including green, yellow, and brown. The words include: Abalone, Lease, Crab, Hagfish, Cucumber, Squid, Trawl, FMP, Restricted, Nets, Groundfish, Nearshore, Edible, Limits, Policies, Fisheries, Permit, Market, Access, Red, Harvest, Urchin, Halibut, Transferable, Experimental, Seaweed, Kelp, Collecting, Emerging, Herring, Hooks, Sea, Pachal, Treble, Dungeness, Geoduck, MPAs, Take, and Fees.

Input and Discussion

- DFW
- OPC
- Stakeholders
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Standing Items for MRC

- Current
 - Informational updates
 - DFW
 - OPC
 - Lobster FMP
- Future ?
 - Informational Items
 - Update on priority items
 - Update on items referred to MRC



Upcoming MRC Meetings

- June 18, 2013 – Monterey
- August 21, 2013 – Santa Barbara
- ~~November 21, 2013~~ – To be rescheduled
- Winter 2014
- Spring 2014
- Summer 2014
- Fall 2014